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SUBJECT: TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN SERVICE ECONOMIC

COMMERCIAL LOCALS

REFERENCE: STATE 169691

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND COMMERCE EXTEND THEIR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE 1975 ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL LOCALS TRAINING PROGRAM: HESKEL YEHUDA, MICHAEL RYSENBECK, CLAIRE ZSIROSSY, LOFTUS HARRIS, RAM SACHDEVA, SANJIT GUPTA.

2. THE FORMAL PROGRAM WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 14, 1975 AND FINISH ON APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER 20, 1975. EMPLOYEES SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON OCTOBER 12, 1975. EMPLOYEES WILL NOT BE MET AT THE AIRPORT.

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3. THE FIRST FIVE DAYS OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE IN WASHINGTON THEN PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAVEL (SEPARATELY) THROUGHOUT THE

U.S. ON SCHEDULES ARRANGED BY FSI AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF RETURN TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR DEBRIEFING SESSIONS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ACTUAL ARRIVAL DATE IMMEDIATELY, SO THAT RESERVATIONS (SINGLE ROOM WITH BATH) CAN BE CONFIRMED AT PRESIDENTIAL HOTEL, 900 19TH STREET, N.W., FOR 15 DOLLARS PLUS TAX PER DAY. THESE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE MODEST BUT THEY ARE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED.

5. EMPLOYEES SELECTED SHOULD BE GIVEN A COMPLETE MEDICAL EXAMINATION INCLUDING X-RAY BEFORE VISAS ARE ISSUED. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THIS POINT AS THE U.S. SCHEDULE IS DEMANDING. ANY CANDIDATES DISQUALIFIED DUE TO HEALTH PROBLEMS THIS YEAR WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY FOR SELECTION IN NEXT COURSE.

6. FISCAL DATA AND AUTHORIZATIONS WILL FOLLOW IN CABLE FROM FSI BUDGET OFFICE. EMPLOYEE WILL BE ON ACTUAL SUBSISTENCE DURING TRAINING PERIOD, NOT TO EXCEED THE PUBLISHED RATES PER LOCATION. POSTS SHOULD PURCHASE ROUND TRIP TICKET SINCE TRAVEL WAS COMPUTED ON THAT BASIS. TRAINEES ARE TO BE REMINDED THAT EXEMPTION FROM U.S. INCOME TAX LIABILITY IS GRANTED FOR A STAY IN THE U.S. FOR 90 DAYS FOR ALIEN VISITORS HOLDING B-1 VISAS. EMPLOYEES WISHING TO SPEND ADDITIONAL TIME IN THE U.S. IN LEAVE STATUS MUST PLAN FOR DEPARTURE WITHIN A TOTAL OF 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF ARRIVAL OR BE SUBJECT TO TAX OF APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT OF TAXABLE INCOME EARNED WHILE HERE. (REFER TO SECTION III OF "U.S.

TAX GUIDE FOR ALIENS" OR CA-13650 OF 6/29/66 CONCERNING INCOME TAX LIABILITY OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN TRAINING IN THE U.S.).

7. EMPLOYEES SHOULD BRING THEIR FULL PER DIEM ALLOTMENT WITH THEM, PREFERABLY IN TRAVELERS CHECKS. IF CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS APPLY WHICH DO NOT PERMIT POST TO ISSUE FULL PER DIEM ADVANCE TO EMPLOYEE BEFORE DEPARTURE, POST SHOULD MAIL CHECK TO FSI TO HOLD FOR THEM AND MAIL IT IN TIME TO BE HERE WHEN EMPLOYEE ARRIVES. EMPLOYEES SHOULD NOT EXPECT
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TO BE ABLE TO CASH PERSONAL OR THIRD PARTY CHECKS WHILE IN THE U.S, EXCEPT AT BANKS WHERE THEY HAVE ACCOUNT. EMPLOYEES SHOULD BRING 5 EXTRA BLANK GTR'S WITH THEM. EMPLOYEES PLANNING PERSONAL PURCHASES (CLOTHING, GIFTS, ETC.) IN THE U.S. SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT PER DIEM DOES NOT COVER THIS TYPE OF EXPENSE.

8. AS SOON AS EMPLOYEE'S FLIGHT RESERVATIONS ARE CONFIRMED POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT BY TELEGRAM THE FOLLOWING: A) DATE AND TIME OF DEPARTURE FROM POST, B) AIR-

LINE NAME, FLIGHT NUMBER, ESTIMATED DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL AT U.S. PORT OF ENTRY; C) AIRLINE NAME, FLIGHT NUMBER, ETA WASHINGTON, D.C.; D) EXACT COST AND COVERAGE OF AIRLINE TICKETS ISSUED; E) AMOUNT OF PER DIEM ADVANCED, IF CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS IN COUNTRY MAKE IT NECESSARY TO MAIL GOVERNMENT CHECK TO BE HELD FOR EMPLOYEE, ADVISE BY CABLE MAILING DATE AND POUCH REGISTRY NUMBER OF AIR POUCH IN WHICH MAILED. ADDRESS ENVELOPE C/O JOHN T. SPOTT, FSI.

9. TRAVELERS SHOULD COME PREPARED FOR FALL TEMPERATURE VARIATIONS ACROSS U.S. (TOP COAT, SWEATERS, ETC.)

10. PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPECT TO BE REQUESTED, BY US. BUSINESS GROUPS AND OTHERS TO GIVE SHORT BRIEFINGS ON THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRY ECONOMIES AND BUSINESS CLIMATE. THEREFORE, POSTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT PARTICIPANTS ARE FAMILIAR WITH RELEVANT DATA, MATERIALS, AND OTHER INFORMATION, AND ARE PREPARED TO GIVE SUCH BRIEFINGS AND PARTICIPATE IN RELATED DISCUSSIONS.

11. PROVIDE ASAP PHOTOGRAPHS AND SHORT BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH OF NOMINEE. AT SAME TIME POSTS SHOULD IDENTIFY SPECIFIC HIGHLY MARKETABLE PRODUCTS, IN ADDITION TO INDUSTRY INTERESTS, FOR USE IN DESIGNING APPROPRIATE ITINERARY. POSTS SHOULD BE SURE THAT PARTICIPANTS IS ADEQUATELY BRIEFED ON WHAT FACTORS SHOULD BE OBSERVED DURING INDUSTRY VISITS TO ENHANCE POST ACTIVITIES. IT WOULD ALSO PROVE USEFUL FOR PARTICIPANTS TO IDENTIFY SPECIALIZED TOPICS (IF ANY) ABOUT WHICH THEY CAN BRIEF U.S. INDUSTRY OR BANKING REPRESENTATIVES OR COULD DISCUSS IN COMMERCE DISTRICT OFFICE SEMINARS. (REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 10)
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12. NOMINEES WHO WERE NOT CHOSEN FOR THIS YEARS PROGRAM WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT AREA OFFERING.

13. INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPHS 10 AND 11 SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 19. KISSINGER

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